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contacting the absorbing material with the ocular cornea to generate a difference in osmotic pressure between the inside and outside of ocular corneal epithelium cells.--

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please add the following as a new paragraph below the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" at page 5, line 12:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-40 and 43 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims:

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--44. An experimental animal having corneal epithelial damage, wherein said experimental animal is a non-human mammal or a fowl, wherein said corneal epithelial damage is caused by contacting the whole area of the ocular cornea or a part thereof,

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